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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/051,316
	Filing Date	January 18, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Alfred Thomas
	Group Art Unit	3712
	Examiner Name	Robert E. Mosser
	Attorney Docket Number	2100/17



This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Preliminary Amendment
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s): \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☒ Other: Petition for 2-month Extension of Time Under 1.136(a); Return Postcard;  
PTO/SB21 Transmittal Form
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 38 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0930.
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☒ Other: Any deficiencies in the enclosed fees
  - ☒ 3 checks in the amounts of \$790.00 (RCE fee); \$900.00 (3 month extension minus the \$120.00 previously paid on March 1, 2006); and \$200.00 (4 excess claims).
  - ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Michael H. Baniak/Allison M. Dudley	Reg. No.	30,608/50,545
Signature		Date	April 26, 2006

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, under Express Label No. <u>EV 498 081 599 US</u> , on April 26, 2006.			
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Signature		Date	April 26, 2006

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